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SUBJECT: AUSTRIA: EU TO DISCUSS AHMADINEJAD INAUGURATION AT  
GAERC

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[1](#)B. VIENNA 895

Classified by: Economic-Political Counselor Philip Kaplan  
(acting) for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) Polchief discussed agenda items for the July 27-28  
GAERC on July 22 with Klaus Famira, MFA European  
Correspondent. Famira said GAERC participants will discuss  
EU-Iran relations in light of the latest election and the  
crackdown on protesters. They will consider options for  
handling the inauguration for President Ahmadinejad. One  
option, Famira said, would be for EU embassies in Teheran to  
send deputies to the event, while another would be for  
Ambassadors to attend on the understanding that they will  
leave en masse if Ahmadinejad makes any "unacceptable"  
comments.

[1](#)2. (C) Famira said the EU will also consider whether to  
informally obstruct the travel of Iranian officials involved  
in the crackdown on post-election demonstrations. Under one  
proposal, EU missions in Teheran would be advised to delay  
the processing of visa applications from certain Iranian  
officials. Famira said GAERC participants are not expected  
to make any decisions regarding tightening Iran sanctions,  
nor are they planning to discuss Iran's nuclear program in  
depth. He said participants are also not expected to discuss  
the detention of UK embassy personnel; he noted that the UK  
employees have been released, while acknowledging that a  
French citizen remains in custody.

[1](#)3. (U) Famira said participants will also discuss Iceland's  
decision to seek EU membership. Some member states will  
likely argue that the EU should complete the Lisbon Treaty  
process before initiating accession talks with Iceland.  
Others are expected to raise concerns about fisheries and a  
possible perception of unfairness if Iceland is moved ahead  
of longstanding EU aspirants like Turkey, Croatia and Albania.

[1](#)4. (U) GOA views on the question of U.S. participation in the  
EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia were reported reftel B.  
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